

## **Minutes of the District V Executive Committee Meeting May 21, 2023**

Members Attending: Jim Overcashier, Barb Bacon, Marc Sylvester, Dian Petrov, Fred Schenker, Sandi Bross, Sharon Fairchild.

Members Absent: Davis Heussler, Ron Franck.

Guest: Margot Hennings Region 4 Representative

The zoom meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Overcashier.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Executive Committee were approved as written.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Sandi gave the treasurer's report. Our financial position as of April 30 shows assets of \$140,989.20. Our report of financial activities shows Program Revenue of \$56,409.89 and Program Expenses of \$56,996.64

### **Report of the Region 4 Representative**

Margot asked about the level of support we give our GNT winners. We give \$1000 per team and pay entry fees.

When told that we weren't running an online regional event due to the lack of time to plan and advertise the event, Margot reported that District 6 was doing the same for the same reasons. Both districts will have this available at a future tournament.

She also reported that ACBL has a new Executive Director, Bronia Jenkins. Margot headed the search committee and is excited at the prospects for ACBL with the new leader.

Dian mentioned that with online bridge, most of the profits go to the big clubs.

## **Rock and Roll Regional 2024**

Sue and Jim Knirsch will be running this event and they are already making plans.

## **All-American Regional 2023**

Jim reports that we have already exceeded our hotel night commitment, so we will not be paying for the ballroom.

## **Pittsburgh Roni Regional Written Report from Ron Franck**

### **2023 Labor Day Regional**

Site and dates set. Wednesday through Labor Day at Masonic Center. Flyer approved. Sent flyers to Regionals and had all flyers supplied to Gatlinburg picked up by players.

Hearing concerns about vax policy. Some players have conveyed concerns that as of now we are not requiring vaccines...board's thoughts?

So far my experience has led me to think that a hotel based regional is preferable. As of now, the hotels in Pittsburgh area that can accommodate us are terribly overpriced. We are staying in contact with major sites regarding 2024 and beyond.

## **Buffalo Regional 2023**

Davis submitted a report through Jim. He is close to a contract with the "M" Hotel in Buffalo. It is near the Galleria Mall and has plenty of restaurants and free parking.

## **GNT and NAP report from Ron Franck**

### 2023 GNT

Attendance: Poor 4 Championship Flight Teams 3 in Flight A 3 in Flight B 2 in Flight C

Demographics: 29 players Pittsburgh 12 Cleveland 2 Buffalo 3 Meadville/Edinboro

Hospitality: Limited but more than adequate. Players satisfied.

All 4 flight winners committed to participate at NABC finals in Chicago.

Teams may substitute one of the original team and also add players to their team to a maximum of 6 players. Deadline to finalize team is June 16<sup>th</sup> 2023.

Survey: I would like to send out a survey via email to D5 players asking for their input on how we can stimulate interest in event, make it better and have them voice their concerns. Interested on input on f2f compared to online qualifier.

Site: Continuing at Erie Bridge Center seems appropriate. Centrally located, inexpensive and adequate space.

### 2023 NAP

Finalizing Conditions of Contest. Once approved by ACBL will post on D5 website and ACBL website.

## **Tournament Coordinator**

Fred reports that he has not internalized the spreadsheet like Toronto has. He has finally gotten access to tourney trax.

## **STAC**

Marc says the invitations are going out for the STaC which is June 12-18, 2023.

## **Education**

Dian reported that there is a Bridge Whiz program for online teaching through the Educational Foundation. They have 20 teachers.

Rich Finberg has some ideas for teaching bridge online.

Do we have a policy for college students to play in our regionals. We do have a reduced (half price) policy. He wonders why they don't play for free?

### **New Business**

The Knirschs had some questions about the bookseller and Jim will look into the details.

This tournament will be cash and credit cards because “credit card only” was not on the flyer. ACBL is still covering credit card fees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm